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Dear Mr. Weisberg,

Hope the enclosed materials will be helpful or interesting to you. Often an interesting article will appear in a N.Y. paper, and I just assume that you may possibly have been unaware of it. The only reason I mailed everything registered is just to make sure you received them. You never can tell these days; (as you will know). how mail "just goes astray" I just completed "Frame-up" ~~[illegible]~~ you sent me. It's all I had hoped it would be - & more. It's quite difficult to use the word "enjoy" as you know in dealing with this subject. Also it's just as diffficult to be dispassionate when personal freedoms & rights of individuals are so contemptuously violated (as we all know.) Only your unbending determination & strong will could have enabled you to endure the almost unbelievable political-obstacle-course-that by now, you are almost resigned to receive each time you seek the truth from "our government." If Frame-up isn't a tribute to one-man's perseverance against incredible odds, then death & taxes must also be an uncertainty. I would

be interested in purchasing either "Post Mortem", or Post Mortem II, or both, (if still available.) Please advise me of the prices and I will send you a check as in the past. You also mentioned a new book - "Vegas to Ride." If it is completed & ready, I would be interested too.

It must be gratifying even in a small way - that the unscrupulous gang led by "Mitchell" - (at least so-far.), have finally been hoisted by their own petards" (so to speak.) Was Eardley in any way caught up in the "Watergate Cesspool"? Knowing now, what we do, about these "people", it gave me a great measure of satisfaction to be able to almost gloat over their present predicaments. I save my sympathy for those who deserve it! I have none for these devious & treacherous individuals who cloaked themselves for years in the "American Flag" & "National Security". Your one-man battle against these forces - in view of current events & "INDICTMENTS" - only re-inforce what you had

known for so long. Practically every top figure in the "justice" or should it read ("JUST-US") dept. that tried to block or prevent your originals have ultimately been involved in this current opening of Nixon's Pandora's Box! I regret that Ruckelhaus has managed to come up smelling like a rose in the "Saturday Night Massacre" (although there are more than one version of his role in this debacle!!

Kleindeist took discretion as the better part of valor, of course when he left the battle early - with his resignation, when he saw the hand-writing on the wall!! Can't tell you how eagerly I await more indictments!! If this sounds overly harsh - then it's exactly as I intended.

About mid-way through "Frame-up" took Hunt's book out of the library. (It can be read in a little over 90 minutes, if you discount his plugs for "Mona Lisa", and Playboy's philosophy on communal intercourse, I did manage to learn how to build my own "Nixon cubicles - each

"roomier than a telephone booth". I must admit until reading Mr Hurie's descriptions, I had "always" stacked my "cordwood" by leaving the ends closed! No wonder it wasn't working out!! O.K. (I think I've wasted enough space on Mr. Hurie!) He was indeed a most "un-inquisitive" investigator (to be kind, put it mildly!).

Just to change the subject, for a minute, if I may, I did not read Oswald in New Orleans. (I believe you said it was out of print & cost about $20 ± a copy for you to print), but I would like to know your feelings about Jim Garrison. (I know you aided in helping do research for him during the Clay-Shaw business. I get the impression that his investigation was some kind of nightmarish fantasy. Many hard working people, I believe got caught up in this, and were falsely led by Garrison's grandiose style, (or whatever), in contributing to the mess that finally wound up in an aborted investigation. I, like, everyone else at the time, was elated when I heard that a New Orleans

D.A had evidence that would "crack the J.F.K. case wide open!" (Unfortunately it seems that the false hope Garrison provided so many of us, ultimately turned the public "away" from the J.F.K. assassination; it did more to hurt (inadvertently, I'm sure!) than any other single factor. Garrison's antics turned the case eventually into a "circus" of sorts, and I was thoroughly disappointed at the outcome. I would certainly be interested in your first-hand knowledge, as the public is certainly confused over the entire "Garrison affair" - if I can use that term. (Dean Andrews behaved as if he were the "King of all Court Jesters") - taking nothing in a serious vein - (even his own indictment)??? One really confusing character was this Gordon Novel. Was he really a C.I.A. agent? (Yes I believe confirmed that Novel drafted a letter using terms such as Double-Check + D.I.A. which were central in the "INVISIBLE GOV'T" AS CIA organs. Who knows anymore???

I would like to mention one other related event - if I can take up just a few more minutes of time;

During the recent Watergate Hearings, I recalled Mr. Finsterwald as McCord's attorney - in a most dramatic televised portion of the early hearings. Please excuse any serious Error in fact - as I am trying to reconstruct the basic gist of this scene. Any corrections will be most welcome. To start; I recall that McCord sent a letter to Sirica that started the ball rolling - claiming he was not properly represented by the Boston attorney he hired (for 25 G's I believe, from the firm of F. L. Baily.) This attorney's name was Gerald Alch - (S.C) Why this event stands out in my memory is that Alch demanded to be heard by the committee - to either refute McCord's charges - or some kind of rebuttal, anyway - Alch appeared before the commission and it was obvious that he was quite "hot" over McCord's accusations. Alch mentioned also that McCord wanted F. Lee Baily, but Bailey turned

hand down, consequently McCord settled for Alch. Anyway Alch claimed that McCord kept "holding back", all during the time he was a client of Alch's. He stated that everytime McCord had to make a critical or important decision, he begged off until he had a conference with his "mysterious friend Mr. Fensterwald." (Alch ultimately claimed that Mr. Fensterwald was secretly aiding his client, or whatever - and when he (Alch) ~~co~~ finally confronted both McCord & Fensterwald with his suspicions - "Mr Alch said" at that point Mr. Fensterwald turned to Mr. McCord and said "What the hell - Jimmy - Let it - all - hang out." (and Mr. Alch repeated this statement for dramatic emphasis, I'm sure - because at that very utterance, the T.V camera - if on-cue - panned to Mr. Fensterwald who appeared to be smirking either "cockily" or "defiantly". Well, for what-ever this little play-let did - it certainly made Mr. Fensterwald at least appear as sinister as he had been

painted by Mr. Alch. (I never saw or heard anything further on this - but the visual effect of this moment, left many people feeling that McCord & Fensterwald had been less than above board with Mr. Alch at least.

LET ME JUST ADD - THAT DESPITE THE ABOVE HISTRIONICS + FERVOR THAT MR. ALCH EXHIBITED, QUITE CONVINCINGLY - HE DID SAY MAKE ONE STATEMENT THAT HAD IT NOT BEEN SAID, WOULD HAVE CONVINCED ME OF ALCH'S THAT ALCH WAS EITHER USED OR DUPED, OR WHATEVER,

BUT WHEN ALCH SAID "MR. MCCORD TOLD ME HE HAD A FRIEND" NAMED BERNARD FENSTERWALD WHO HAD LENT [redacted] HIM MONEY ETC:

ALL I CAN SAY TO MR. ALCH IS: HOW NAIVE ARE WE TO BELIEVE THAT HE → (MR. ALCH), WAS COMPLETELY UNAWARE OF THE FAMOUS NAME OF BERNARD FENSTERWALD IN LEGAL CASES. FOR MR. ALCH TO INSULT OUR INTELLIGENCES BY SAYING FENSTERWALD'S NAME MEANT ABSOLUTELY NOTHING TO HIM (IN ESSENCE), MAKES EVERYTHING ELSE HE SAID - TO BE A LITTLE CLOUDED, AT BEST. I WILL ADMIT

THE CAMORA PANNING TO FENSTERWALD SMACKING WAS NOTHING LESS THAN BRILLIANT, IF IT WAS ACCIDENTAL, OR NOT - IT CERTAINLY ADDED ALOT TO STAND. I'M SURE IN THE EYES OF AN UNSUSPECTING PUBLIC.

Knowing Mr Fensterwald's fine record + history for aiding the cause of civil liberties + all freedoms, suppose tactics, I must admit coming up a little confused — (once again.)

I would appreciate any comments you may have to offer that might clear up the picture. Once again, thank you for your patience, I know you're extremly busy - and therefore I am doubly grateful for being allowed so much time. Thank you, once again,

Regards,

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P.S. WOULD LIKE TO REPEAT - OPENING REQUEST FOR PRICES OF A) KENNEDY AUTOPSY - 2 BOOKS, + B) TIGER TO RIDE), C) ANYTHING NEW? D) I HAVE ACCESS TO FOTO COPIER - SHOULD YOU NEED ANY COPIES MADE - DO NOT HESITATE - I WILL BE GLAD TO BE OF SERVICE.